commencement of its operations. The set up at Panaji is envisaged to telecast locally produced programmes for a duration of about 30 minutes daily.

Contract signed with Sweden's Ericsson

*413. SHRI PASUMPON THA KIRUTTINAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a contract with Sweden's Ericasson has recently been signed by the Department of Telecommunications (DOT); and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise in view of reply to (a) above.

Freedom Fighters' Role in Nation Building

*414. SHRI SURESH PACHORI:

SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Freedom Fighters Association, New Delhi had urged Government on May 7, 1990 to fully utilise the work force of the freedom fighters for nation-building; and

(b) if so, whether any programme has been prepared or is being worked out to utilise their services in dealing with menace like terrorism, secessionism and fundamentalism; if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMED SAYEED): (a) No communication on the subject has been received in the Ministry of Home Affairs from the Freedom Fighters Association, New Delhi.

(b) Does not arise.

Arrest of Tamil Refugees in Tamil Nadu

*415. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that the Tamil refugees who came from Sri Lanka and are housed in Orissa have recently started moving out of Orissa and that they have been arrested in Tamil Nadu by the Tamil Nadu Police;

(b) whether Government had held negotiations with the Sri Lankan Government for creating an atmosphere for the return of the refugees to Sri Lankas; and

(c) whether Government are committed to the Indo-Sri Lankan Agreement and if so, whether the clauses in The Agreement have been fully implemented?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The need to create these conditions has been taken up with the Sri Lankan Government on several occasions.

(c) Yes, Sir. Government upholds and honours all international Agreements signed by India. The Indo-Sri Lanka Agreement has been implemented in large measure; Tamil is now recognised as an official language of Sri Lanka; the Constitution of Sri